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Dr. Kay Ball is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, where she teaches Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral nursing students. She also is a perioperative nurse educator and consultant. Kay has served as the Laser Program Director for two different healthcare systems and also has had many years of experience in managing an operating room suite and a PACU.

Kay received a PhD in Health Related Services from Virginia Commonwealth University (2009) where she researched the key indicators of compliance with surgical smoke evacuation recommendations as her doctoral thesis.

In 1997, Kay was inducted into the prestigious American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). Kay is the recipient of the 2003 AORN Award for Excellence (the highest honor to be given by AORN) along with many other national and state awards. Kay served as the national President of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and also the AORN Foundation. When she was Vice-Chair of ANA's NOLF, Kay worked at the White House during the 1994 tumultuous healthcare reform activities.

Kay has authored the books, *Lasers: The Perioperative Challenge*, 1st, 2nd, 3rd editions (after the 1st edition, Kay planned and assisted with the first laser surgery on a dolphin at Sea World), *Endoscopic Surgery*, and many chapters and articles on healthcare topics. Kay continues to lecture throughout the USA and the world on surgical smoke hazards, lasers, and nursing issues.